Production of Pulses and Oil Seeds

†2293. SHRI RAGHAVJI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of pulses and oil seeds in the country is not in consonance with the requirement;

(b) if so, the names of the items in the above category in respect of which production is less than the requirement and what is the extent of shortfall; and

(c) the steps being taken to enhance their production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The requirement of oilseeds & pulses is not calculated crop-wise but it is calculated taking in to account the category as a whole. However, the shortfall in the production of pulses and edible oils is about 2 million tonnes for each category.

(c) To enhance the production of pulses a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Pulses Development Project (NPDP) is under implementation in 27 States/UTs. Another Centrally Sponsored Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP) is being implemented in 25 States. Under these programmes, financial assistance is being provided to the States for production and distribution of certified seeds, seed minikits, rhyzolium culture, sprinkler sets, gypsum/pyrites, micro-nutrients and improved farms implements etc. In addition to this, field demonstration and farmers training are also being organised for the transfer of improved production & protection Technology to the farmers' field for increasing the production of pulses & oilseeds.

Training to Farm Women Workers of Kerala

2294. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kerala State Government has submitted a revised project to impart training to farm women workers of Kerala in the latest technologies of agriculture and allied subjects; and

(b) if so, the details of the project and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

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